

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced as "news Central" far away, its more important that we see real people from our communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclairs actions show why we need to strengthen our media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

It is appalling that any entity that owes it's existence to the gifts of the American people, i.e. the airwaves, would even attempt to portray the slanted opinions of a minority as fact for general consumption.

Thank you.